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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following remarks are submitted in response to the non-final
Office Action mailed December 18, 2002 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on March 29, 2001 with claims 1-17. Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the present application. The present application claims the priority of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/977,382 filed November 24, 1997, which claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/037,963 filed February 20, 1997.

In the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sarbadhikari et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,477,264), rejected claims 3, 4, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarbadhikari et al. in view of Ito (U.S. Patent No. 6,373,592), and rejected claims 7, 8, 15 and 16 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarbadhikari et al. in view of Ohtsuka (U.S. Patent No. 6,198,526).